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Subject: Fwd: Please Veto the Pebble Mine

I wanted to make you aware of another email campaign. If you could work with folks to put them in a separate inbox that would be great otherwise I'm having trouble catching all my email.

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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Date: August 7, 2020 at 6:20:05 AM MDT
To: "Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>
Subject: Please Veto the Pebble Mine

Dear General Counsel Leopold,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Pebble Mine and to ask that you veto their application.

The waters of Bristol Bay are home to the world's most important wild sockeye salmon fishery. That fishery supplies nearly half of the world's sockeye salmon, supports more than 14,000 fishing jobs, and generates over \$1.5 billion of economic activity every year. Pebble Mine poses massive risks to Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed, its world-renowned salmon runs and its Native communities.

Your agency has repeatedly underscored the risks Pebble poses to Bristol Bay and the science that supports protecting this vital American resource. You wrote that the development of Pebble Mine would likely result in the "permanent loss of 2,292 acres of wetlands" and "hundreds of miles of streams." If fully developed, it will also poison the headwaters of Bristol Bay with up to 10.2 billion tons of toxic mining waste that must be stored forever behind large dams in the heart of a seismically active region. Damage from even minor leakage could be catastrophic for local people and the American fishing economy. I strongly encourage the EPA to intercede in a meaningful way to prevent such a catastrophe from happening.

Senators Murkowski and Sullivan have both expressed concern about Pebble Mine and helped pass legislation in the United State Congress last year that encourages the EPA to use its "enforcement authority under the Clean Water Act...at an appropriate time." That time is now.

The EPA has the responsibility under the Clean Water Act to protect the Bristol Bay watershed. I urge you to veto the Pebble Mine and protect this fishery, its communities and economy.

Sincerely,

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